

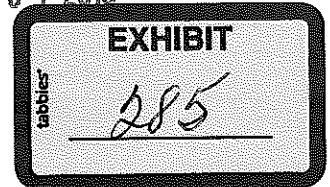
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Dear Mr. Stacey:

I am writing to comment on the stream flow regulations proposed by the Department. It appears that the proposed regulations have a huge potential for unpleasant unintended consequences. In particular, the regulations would go into effect before the streams' classifications have been determined. The costs associated with complying with the regulations are therefore completely unknown.

The proponents of the regulations try to gloss over the problem by asserting that it might be five to ten years before the costs will be incurred. I find this to be disingenuous. I can easily visualize several years from now when citizens are faced with enormous costs and the only answer is, "It is a requirement. We can't do anything about it."

A plan without cost estimates is only a wish list, not a plan. Let's have a plan before we act.

Sincerely yours,

Fillmore McPherson
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